

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 5, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully noted. The Examiner required an election of species as follows:

Species 1: Figures 1, 3 and 4;
Species 2: Figures 6-10;
Species 3: Figure 11;
Species 4: Figures 12-13;
Species 5: Figure 15; and
Species 6: Figure 16.


Applicants hereby elect Species 4: Figures 12 and 13, on which claims 3-9 are readable thereon. From a review of the Restriction, it appears that the restriction analysis relating to the election of species requirement was not carried out under 37 C.F.R. 1.475 and 1.499 for this PCT National Stage case. If such is the case, Applicants traverse, on a procedural basis, the imposed restriction and respectfully request that any restriction or election of species analysis being carried out in this case be made in accordance with 1.475 and 1.499.

CONCLUSION

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. The right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected groups is respectfully reserved. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 02-4300**, Attorney Docket No. **034206R002**.

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